

EMS Program Model

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APPENDIX I

**NEBRASKA AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE
INFORMATION SYSTEM**

(NARSIS)

INFORMATION RELEASE POLICY

Per

NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS 84-712 and FOLLOWING

NEB. REV. STAT. 84-712.05 (2) (Reissue 1987) quoted from advisory letter, Attorney General Don Stenberg, 14 June 1991.

However, we also indicated that the names of patients and the types of services rendered to those patients were medical records which could be withheld from the public by the lawful custodian of those records under authority of (above noted Statute).

**THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES SHALL PREVAIL WHEN
RELEASING NARSIS FORM (PATIENT) INFORMATION.**

Those areas of the NARSIS form that are designated by statute as public information may be appropriately released to the public and the media in a responsible manner for responsible purposes.

THE ADULT PATIENT:

Name and patient treatment information shall be released when requested by responsible parties, including the patient, bearing an information release form signed by the patient, guardian, conservator or responsible party having legal authority over the adult patient if, or when, the adult patient may have such other authority in place for legal reasons.

Subpeona, duly and legally executed and issued by a Judge or an officer of the court, or issued by an attorney or law office and legally notarized by a currently licensed State of Nebraska Notary Public prior to issue, is required for any information release without the signed patient authorization for information release.

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THE JUVENILE PATIENT:

Name and patient treatment information release shall be surrendered by honoring the signature of the parent or guardian as in “ADULT PATIENT” above.

The juvenile patient may also sign the release but the juvenile signature must be witnessed by the ADULT parent or guardian in every request.

Subpoena procedures apply as in “ADULT PATIENT” above.

JUVENILE PATIENT EXCEPTIONS:

Emancipated juvenile patients may sign information release forms and receive their medical records information as requested as in “ADULT PATIENT” above.

Emancipated male juveniles are those male juveniles under 19 years of age who are living out of the home and are self supporting for whom parental rights have either stopped or been removed either by agreement between parents and juveniles or by court order.

Emancipated female juveniles are those whom are as stated in “male juveniles” above, and/or are a married female, a pregnant female or both.

Subpoena procedures apply for these information releases without a signed request.

Parents of emancipated juveniles who may request the confidential medical records information must proceed through the legal subpoena process as outlined under “ADULT PATIENT” above.